



PROCLAMATION

**National Preparedness Month
September 2007**

*"Emergency Preparedness for Families, Businesses and Communities"
Get a Kit, Make a Plan, Be Informed and Get Involved*

WHEREAS, The damage wrought by disasters can exact enormous effects on communities, destroying homes, land, businesses and testing the will of our citizens. However, with proper preparation and education the destructive effects of these tragedies can be minimized; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Department of Homeland Security has designated September 2007 as National Preparedness Month to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools; and

WHEREAS, the goal of National Preparedness Month is to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks and to encourage individuals to take action to prepare themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, to recognize this month's National Preparedness Month initiative, the City's Office of Emergency Services would like to recognize the City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training. The Community Emergency Response Team Program educates citizens about disaster preparedness and hazards that may impact their community. This training includes basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby proclaim September 2007 as National Preparedness Month and join the City's Office of Emergency Services, other emergency services providers and other concerned citizens to build a more disaster resistant community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 11th day of September, 2007.


Marty Blum
MARTY BLUM, MAYOR

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